



Docket No.: 1293.1316

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Doo-nam KIM

Serial No. 10/082,166

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No. 2394

Filed: February 26, 2002

Examiner: Jones, Heather Rae

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR SELECTING SUBTITLES FROM AN OPTICAL  
RECORDING MEDIUM

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance was forwarded in the Notice of Allowability mailed July 13, 2006.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

In the "Reasons for Allowance", the Examiner characterizes certain features of identified claims which the Examiner states that the prior art "fails to teach or fairly suggest." It is submitted that the Examiner's statement is not an accurate quote with respect to each of the allowed claims. It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance. By way of example and not

limitation, the language of claim 11 does not match with "a method of reproducing data from an optical medium using an optical medium player system" referenced in the statement.

In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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